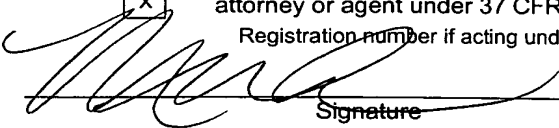




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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>FY 2005</b> (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) HO-P02046US1																									
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th></th><th style="text-align: center;"><u>Fee</u></th><th style="text-align: center;"><u>Small Entity Fee</u></th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$120</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$60</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$450</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$225</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$ 450.00</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1020</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$510</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1590</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$795</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$2160</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$1080</td><td style="text-align: center;">\$</td></tr></tbody></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>06-2375</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 <u>45,872</u></p> <p> _____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 13, 2004</u> Date</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Melissa W. Acosta</u> Typed or printed name</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>(713) 651-5407</u> Telephone Number</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of <u>1</u> forms are submitted. 02 FC:1252 450.00 OP</p>					<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$ 450.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$
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